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Film On Berlin Will Be Evening Forum Feature

The film, Berlin—The Island City, will be shown and narrated tomorrow night at the Sunday Evening Forum by Arthur Wilson, the coproducer.

The forum, sponsored by the First Congregational Church, will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Wilson, who produced the motion picture with Fred Keiffer of Downers Grove, Ill., is a world traveler of noteworthy experience. His narrow brushes with the East German Communists while filming the movie also are of note.

Smuggled Camera

Blocked by camera regulations against Westerners shooting pictures indiscriminately in the Soviet sector of Berlin, Wilson succeeded in smuggling his camera and equipment into the city in a taxi.

He stayed for nine weeks in East Berlin and finally was [illegible] photographing long lines of people waiting to buy [illegible] in the East German section called Kopenick." he said.

"Several people quizzed me [illegible] was. I was not [illegible] questioned on my [illegible] German that I was [illegible] incidental.

Arthur Wilson

[illegible] story as he was detected by the police.

Held Three Hours

"I was escorted into a room [illegible] me until I was released three hours later. I was never left alone. They [illegible] I knew Al- [illegible] people [illegible]

make travel films, rent a car and spend all that money by himself without government support."

Wilson and Keiffer shot 14,000 feet of 16 millimeter color film for the picture on Berlin. It lasts 85 minutes. Commenting on what they tried to portray in the film Wilson said:

"West Berlin is beautiful beyond imagination and the people there have a spirit and way of life that is hard to equal. When we went to Berlin we hoped to keep politics out of our picture but it was there staring you in the face and knocking you over the head. In fact, the difference between the two sectors has been known to drive some visitors into hysteria."

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